



# BIOGRAPHY



**UNITED STATES AIR FORCE**

## **MAJOR GENERAL DANIEL J. GIBSON**



Major General Daniel J. Gibson is the Commander of the California Air National Guard. He is responsible for command and control oversight of five major field-level organizations comprised of nearly 5,000 military and civilian personnel serving at eleven locations within California. As Commander, he serves as the senior Air National Guard officer responsible for providing operationally trained, equipped and mission-ready forces to support national defense requirements worldwide and emergency response, relief, and recovery operations throughout California.

General Gibson graduated from the U.S. Air Force Academy in 1967. After graduating from pilot training, he completed flying assignments in Korea, Thailand and the United States. He joined the California Air National Guard in 1979 where he held positions including chief of safety, deputy commander for operations, air commander and group commander. In 1989, he transferred to the State Headquarters holding positions as the director of plans and programs and director of operations. In 1993, he was assigned as the Chief of Staff, California Air National Guard. General Gibson was appointed as the commander in September 1999. He is a command pilot and has flown more than 4,700 hours, including more than 1,300 combat hours in the OV-10 and F-4 in Southeast Asia.

### **EDUCATION:**

- 1967 Bachelor of Science degree, U.S. Air Force Academy
- 1975 Squadron Officers School
- 1977 Air Command and Staff College
- 1977 Master's degree in business administration, Golden Gate University
- 1987 Air War College
- 1995 Senior Reserve Component Officers Course, Carlisle Barracks, Penn.
- 1997 Harvard Ukrainian National Security Program, Cambridge, Mass.

## **ASSIGNMENTS:**

1. Aug. 1967 – Aug. 1968, student, undergraduate pilot training, Williams AFB, Ariz.
2. Aug. 1968 – Dec. 1968, F-4D combat crew training, Davis Monthan AFB, Ariz.
3. Dec. 1968 – April 1970, F-4D pilot, 68<sup>th</sup> Tactical Fighter Squadron, Homestead AFB, Fla.
4. April 1970 – Sept. 1970, OV-10 combat crew training, Hurlburt Field, Fla.
5. Sept. 1970 – April 1972, OV-10 forward air controller, 23<sup>rd</sup> Tactical Air Support Squadron, Nakhon Phanom Royal Thai Air Base (RTAB), Thailand.
6. April 1972 – March 1973, F-4E combat crew training, MacDill AFB, Fla.
7. March 1973 – April 1974, F-4E pilot, 4<sup>th</sup> Tactical Fighter Squadron, Udorn RTAB, Thailand.
8. April 1974 – Feb. 1975, F-4 instructor pilot, 21<sup>st</sup> Tactical Fighter Training Squadron, George AFB, Calif.
9. Feb. 1975 – Sept. 1975, student, F-4 Fighter Weapons Instructor Course, Nellis AFB, Nev.
10. Sept. 1975 – Sept. 1979, F-4 instructor pilot and wing weapons officer 35<sup>th</sup> Tactical Fighter Wing, George AFB, Calif.
11. Dec. 1979 – Oct. 1981, forward air controller, O-2A, 163<sup>rd</sup> Tactical Air Support Group, Ontario ANGB, Calif.
12. Oct. 1981 – May 1985, chief of safety (F-4), 163<sup>rd</sup> Tactical Fighter Group, March AFB, Calif.
13. May 1985 – April 1989, deputy commander for operations (F-4), 163<sup>rd</sup> Tactical Fighter Group, March AFB, Calif.
14. April 1989 – Nov. 1989, commander (F-4), 163<sup>rd</sup> Tactical Fighter Group, March AFB, Calif.
15. Nov. 1989 – Sept. 1991, director, plans and programs, Headquarters, California Air National Guard, Sacramento, Calif.
16. Sept. 1991 – Jan. 1993, director of operations, California Air National Guard, Sacramento, Calif.
17. Jan. 1993 – Sept. 1999, chief of staff, California Air National Guard, Sacramento, Calif.
18. Sept. 1999 – present, commander, California Air National Guard, Sacramento, Calif.

## **FLIGHT INFORMATION:**

Rating: Command Pilot

Flight hours: More than 4,700

Aircraft flown: T-41, T-37, T-38, F-4C, D, E, RF-4C, OV-10, C-26

## **MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:**

Legion of Merit

Distinguished Flying Cross with three oak leaf clusters

Meritorious Service Medal with oak leaf cluster

Air Medal with 22 oak leaf clusters

Air Force Commendation Medal

Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm

## **EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:**

Second Lieutenant	June 7, 1967
First Lieutenant	Dec. 7, 1968
Captain	June 7, 1970
Major	June 7, 1981
Lieutenant Colonel	June 7, 1985
Colonel	June 7, 1988
Brigadier General	Sept. 23, 1994
Major General	Sept. 23, 1999

(Current as of May 2002)